

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for deployment of components, comprising:
defining dependencies by components of pluggable component-based software,
wherein at least one component of a deployable bundle is provided by a third party, wherein
the components expose their dependencies to a cooperating interface;
generating a list of defined dependencies;
identifying files associated with the defined dependencies; and
processing the dependency list and identified files to generate the deployable bundle.
2. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising communicating
the deployable bundle to a cooperating environment.
3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising merging the
dependency list, the identified files, and default component elements to generate the
deployable bundle.
4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising scanning the
components to identify default elements and non-default elements.
5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising providing an
installer component for inclusion in the deployable bundle.
6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 5, further comprising validating the
deployable bundle by installing the deployable bundle in a computing environment.
7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising providing
configuration files for inclusion in the deployable bundle.

8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the processing step further comprises merging the dependency list, the identified files, and default component elements to generate the deployable bundle.

9. (Original) The method as recited in claim 8, further comprising providing a merge module for performing the merge of the dependency list, the identified files, and default component elements to generate the deployable bundle.

10. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium having computer readable instructions for:

defining dependencies by components of pluggable component-based software, wherein at least one component of a deployable bundle is provided by a third party, wherein the components expose their dependencies to a cooperating interface;
generating a list of defined dependencies;
identifying files associated with the defined dependencies; and
processing the dependency list and identified files to generate the deployable bundle.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented system to deploy a package having dependencies comprising:

dependency data representative of the dependencies of components of the package, the package comprising pluggable component-based software, wherein at least one component of a deployable bundle is provided by a third party; and

a merge module executing on a computer, the merge module operating to merge the dependency data with the components of the package to generate the deployable bundle.

16. (Original) The system as recited in claim 15, further comprising an installer, the installer being merged by the merge module to generate the deployable bundle.

17. (Original) The system as recited in claim 16, further comprising configuration information, the configuration information being merged by the merge module to generate the deployable bundle.

18. (Original) The system as recited in claim 17, further comprising default package components, the default package components being merged by the merge module to generate the deployable bundle.

19. (Original) The system as recited in claim 18, further comprising a communication means for use in communicating the deployable bundle to a cooperating computing environment.

20. (Original) The system as recited in claim 19, further comprising a validation means to validate the proper deployment of the package.

21. (Currently Amended) A system for use in the deployment of components having dependencies comprising:

a means for determining the dependencies of components of pluggable component-based software, wherein at least one component of a deployable bundle is provided by a third party, the components exposing the dependencies to the means;

a means for merging the dependencies of the components with the components of the pluggable component-based software to generate the deployable bundle.

DOCKET NO.: MSFT-1741-301923.01
Application No.: 10/600,178
Office Action Dated: November 3, 2006

PATENT
REPLY FILED UNDER EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE PURSUANT TO
37 CFR § 1.116

22. (Original) The system as recited in claim 21, further comprising an installation means, the installation means cooperating with the merging means for installing the deployable bundle.